

STAPHYLEACEAE – BLADDERNUT FAMILY

Plant: shrubs and trees

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: alternate or opposite, pinnately compound or often trifoliate (3's), stipules or not

Flowers: mostly perfect, seldom monoecious or dioecious, small; 5 sepals, often persisting; 5 petals; 5 stamens, alternate to petals; ovary superior, 2-4 carpels

Fruit: berry or capsule (often inflated), fleshy or not; few seeds

Other: Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 5+ genera; locally Staphylea (bladder-nut)

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American Bladdernut; *Staphylea trifolia* L.

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Staphylea trifolia L.

Staphyleaceae (Bladdernut Family)

Maumee River Metroparks,

Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: shrub to small tree; 5-petaled flower, white, in pendant clusters; pinnate leaf with 3 leaflets, elliptical, finely serrate, sharp tip, hairy beneath; bark fissured, younger branches and twigs sort of striped; fruit large, 3-parted inflated capsule; no terminal bud; spring

[V Max Brown, 2005]

